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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Isabelle BARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1616
Application No.: 09/763,058) Examiner: Robert M. DeWitty
§ 371 date: April 27, 2001))
For: SOLID COMPOSITION WITH CONTINUOUS AQUEOUS PHASE COMPRISING A HYDROPHILIC GELLING AGENT AND A PARTICULAR FILLER AND USES THEREOF)))))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following amendment and remarks.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 30 and 83-85 with amended claims 30 and 83-85 as follows:

--30. (Amended) A solid composition comprising an aqueous continuous phase comprising i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent present in a concentration of less than 20% by weight of the composition and ii) at least one pulverulent phase comprising at least one lamellar filler, wherein said composition has a hardness, defined by a maximum force before breaking, ranging from 5 to 130 grams, at ambient temperature, after

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